

WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR FOX VALLEY WISCONSIN COUNTIES

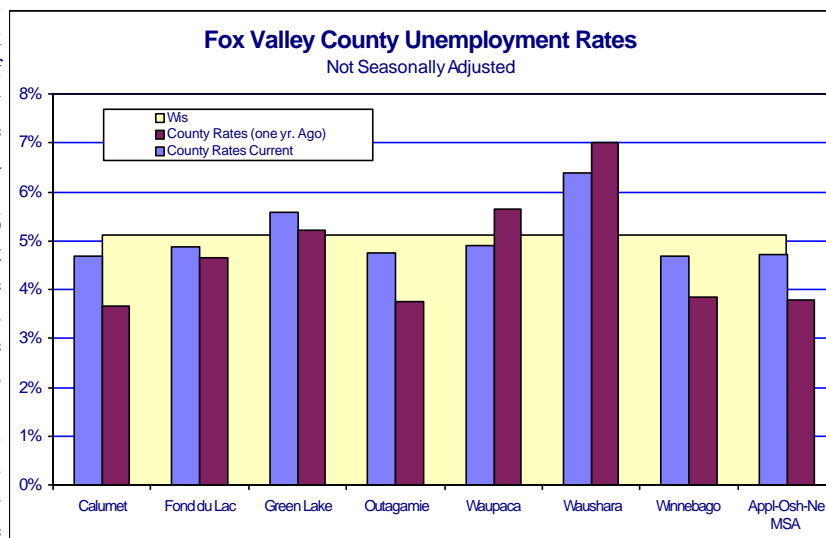
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June Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Increase for Fox Valley Area

After a large decline in the area's unemployment rates in May, the rates reversed and increased in all the counties of the Fox Valley Workforce Development Area for the month of June. The seasonally unadjusted rate for the region rose 0.5 of a percentage point to 4.8 percent. This was 0.6 of a percentage point above last year. The rate for the region was 0.3 of a percentage point below the state's unadjusted rate of 5.1 percent. The unadjusted rate for the state was up 0.6 of a percentage point over the month.



An increase in the unadjusted unemployment rate during June is not unusual, and is often related to the timing of the survey done by our department, the weather, and when school leaves out. Unemployment statistics are gathered for the month during the week that the twelfth falls in. Often students and other workers enter the labor force prior to that week to look for work, thus increasing the number of workers. However, due to weather, school or other factors, the workers may not start work until a later week. This inflates the unemployment rate for the month. Normally the rate will go back to normal during July when this of transition is over.

Only one of the area's seven counties had a rate above six percent, while the remaining counties and the Appleton/Oshkosh/Neenah MSA had rates ranging from 4.7 percent to 5.6 percent.

Labor force and employment growth were lower this June than they have been in the previous two years. During 2000 and 2001 the labor force increased by 10,000 and 9,300 respectively between May and June. This compares to an increase of 7,600 this month. At the same time, employment has increased by 7,800 and 6,800 in the previous two years, while this year the increase was 5,700. The slower growth rate has been typical for much of Wisconsin this year. Some of the lower growth may be due to more individuals staying in the labor market throughout the year,

rather than leaving it on a seasonal basis. Also, some decrease in the growth rate is expected due to the demographics of an aging population, with fewer young people entering the labor force each year.

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)				
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA	Wisconsin	United States (000s)	
June-2002				
Civilian Labor Force	230,300	3,045,900	142,476	
Employment	220,200	2,897,400	134,053	
Unemployment	10,000	148,500	8,424	
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.9%	5.9%	
May-2002 Change				
Civilian Labor Force	(1,700)	(3,800)	(293)	
Employment	(1,600)	(6,800)	(364)	
Unemployment	(200)	3,000	73	
Unemployment rate	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	
June-2001 Change				
Civilian Labor Force	3,600	57,900	1,008	
Employment	1,400	46,100	(950)	
Unemployment	2,100	11,800	1,959	
Unemployment rate	0.9%	0.3%	1.3%	

Note: All estimates are round and preliminary, based on place of residence.

Although the monthly increase was below the growth of the previous two years, the overall labor force and employment levels remain well above one year ago numbers. The labor force for the region was 6,600 above last June, while the number employed was 4,400 above one year ago.

Nonfarm wage and salary (NFWs) employment levels rose by 3,400 to 287,500 during the month. The largest increases were in manufacturing, up 1,550 and

services up 1,230. Manufacturing continues to lag in the recovery of employment in the region, down 3,900 from last year.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA remained unchanged at 4.4 percent in June. Although the rate remained unchanged from May, it was up 0.9 of a percentage point from one year ago.

The nation's unemployment rate increased 0.1 of a percentage

point to 5.9 percent. The rate in the State of Wisconsin also increased 0.1 of a percentage point, rising to 4.9 percent. To the north, the rate for the Green Bay MSA was 4.2 percent, up 0.1 of a percentage point from May.

For additional labor market statistics contact our website at <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi>.

Labor Force and Employment Estimates for the Wisconsin Fox Valley Counties

June-2002	App/Osh/Neenah	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Region	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force*	235,300	58,900	11,300	28,100	12,400	346,000	3,111,200
Employed	224,300	56,000	10,700	26,700	11,600	329,300	2,952,500
Unemployed	11,100	2,900	600	1,400	800	16,700	158,800
Unemployment rate(%)	4.7%	4.9%	5.6%	4.9%	6.4%	4.8%	5.1%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	4.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.9%
Total, all industries**	207,100	49,900	8,300	22,200	6,300	287,500	2,868,000
Construction & Mining	13,100	3,500	700	1,000	300	18,300	135,900
Manufacturing	56,300	11,900	1,700	6,200	700	76,200	570,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	9,600	2,400	300	800	300	13,000	132,500
Wholesale Trade	9,500	1,900	100	900	300	12,400	139,300
Retail Trade	35,000	9,600	1,500	4,100	1,500	50,200	511,100
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	9,800	1,900	300	700	200	12,700	153,700
Services	49,800	12,900	2,400	4,500	1,500	69,600	802,100
Government	24,000	5,900	1,300	4,000	1,400	35,100	423,000
Change from previous month							
Civilian Labor Force*	4,700	1,400	200	700	600	7,600	71,900
Employed	3,700	800	200	600	400	5,700	51,200
Unemployed	1,100	600	0	200	100	2,000	20,800
Unemployment rate(%)	0.4%	0.9%	0.5%	0.5%	0.9%	0.5%	0.6%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	0.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.1%
Total, all industries**	2,400	400	200	400	200	3,400	25,800
Construction & Mining	250	60	50	50	40	410	6,700
Manufacturing	1,210	240	10	100	0	1,550	6,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	-40	10	0	10	-10	-20	-300
Wholesale Trade	240	30	-10	10	60	280	1,200
Retail Trade	270	60	70	100	60	500	5,100
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	150	50	10	10	0	220	1,500
Services	940	70	100	120	100	1,230	10,100
Government	-670	-70	-40	-10	-50	-790	-4,900
Change from year ago							
Civilian Labor Force*	3,700	1,800	300	300	500	6,600	58,500
Employed	1,500	1,500	300	500	600	4,400	46,500
Unemployed	2,300	200	0	-200	0	2,200	12,100
Unemployment rate(%)	0.9%	0.2%	0.4%	-0.7%	-0.6%	0.6%	0.3%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	0.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.3%
Total, all industries**	-2,200	1,000	-10	240	310	-1,000	2,400
Construction & Mining	-240	270	10	70	30	110	-600
Manufacturing	-3,300	-500	-130	40	-20	-3,900	-21,400
Transportation & Public Utilities	60	140	10	10	50	220	-2,700
Wholesale Trade	120	40	-10	-30	40	120	100
Retail Trade	-360	60	-10	40	0	-260	3,500
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	400	60	30	20	0	510	2,400
Services	490	910	30	-10	120	1,420	14,300
Government	610	10	60	100	100	780	6,800

* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted unless noted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers.

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